## PROCLAMATION

| WHEREAS,   | the communities of Morgantown, West Virginia and<br>Guanajuato, Mexico have a significant history of exchange<br>programs through West Virginia University and La<br>Universidad de Guanajuato; and  |
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| WHEREAS,   | our communities have exchanged teachers, students, social workers, engineers, lawyers and other professionals for many years through the Council for International Programs; and   |
| WHEREAS,   | both Morgantown and Guanajuato are vibrant growing communities recognized as centers for arts and culture in their respective regions; and   |
| WHEREAS,   | Morgantown has joined the Sister Cities International organization and has established a Sister City Committee comprised of business, political and education leaders as part of its commitment to supporting inclusiveness and diversity within our City. |
| NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Morgantown PROCLAIMS its desire and intention to join with the City of Guanajuato in formalizing a Sister City relationship that will be the basis of exchanges and programs to foster our respective development and growth as inclusive international cities. |  |
| Seal:  | Signed this day of August, 2007.   |
| Bill Byrne, Counc  |  |